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Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced today that Michael McCarrick, 55 years old, from Oswego, New York, was sentenced following his guilty plea to a one count Information charging him a felony violation of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 United States Code § 2273(a). McCarrick was sentenced by the Honorable Norman A. Mordue to one year of probation and fined \$1,000.00

McCarrick, a former Radiation Protection Technician at the James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant, was fired from his job after he falsified "Qualitative Fit Test" records relating to 32 nuclear power plant workers. McCarrick purported to document their successful completion of respirator fit tests designed to establish a proper respirator seal whereas he had not performed the tests, and the records he generated and submitted to power plant officials were materially false and fraudulent. Respirators are personal protective devices given to employees for use during emergencies such as a chemical release resulting in fumes that could otherwise endanger worker health. However, no known injuries occurred as a result of the falsified fit tests.

This matter was investigated by Special Agents with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig A. Benedict, who can be reached at 315-448-0672.

